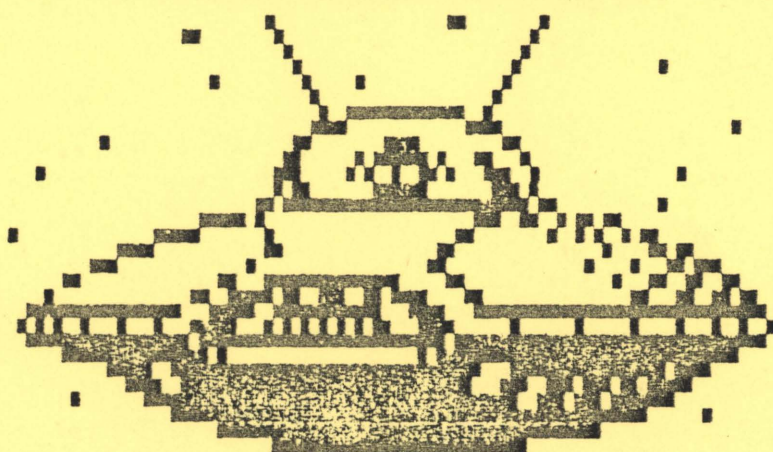


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"NO NEWS IS BAD NEWS"

The old saying is that No News is Good News, but in the UFO field it happens to be the opposite. So far 1989 has been notable in that nothing of note has occurred, no UFO event has caught the media attention, no local sighting of high strangeness has occurred. After a good run of cases during the later part of 1987 and most of 1988 this year has produced but a handful of Nocturnal Light cases. The rest of Australia seems to be experiencing a similar situation.

However, UFO related stories still seem to be popping up in the media from time to time. Mystery rings in British cornfields have been mentioned, a TV News release complete with film of a suspect night light having been screened recently. Another story (probably has nothing to do with UFOs) which was only shown on TVT6 in Hobart (didn't make any other newspapers etc:) was all about the Russian space probe to Mars that filmed a mystery disc like shadow, then failed when it encountered an object that should not have been there?

Abductions are still in the forefront of the UFO phenomena, more it seems almost these days than the actual UFO sightings. UFORA (Sth Aust) is in the process of collecting information on Australian Abduction cases, something that has not been attempted previously in Australia. A second study incorporating a telephone hot line is also being set up. We believe that any local (Tasmanian) cases will be passed onto us. Finally did you read the novel by Whitley Strieber, "Communion", if not don't worry as the film is being released in Australia.

Other UFO stories have appeared in some less reliable Journals so that all in all the subject has been kept in front of the public from time to time. Despite all this we still have only a few light in the sky reports!

THE EXAMINER, Tuesday, June 6, 1989 - 19

Researchers want UFO stories

ADELAIDE — If you've been abducted by aliens from another planet recently, a group of researchers in Adelaide wants to hear from you.

Puzzled why fewer Australians are kidnapped by extraterrestrials than people in the US and Europe, UFO Research Australia is trying to find out how come we're lagging behind the rest of the world.

It sounds nutty, but the group's quest is quite serious, says UFO author and chief researcher Keith Basterfield.

"Although abduction accounts may seem unbelievable on first

sight, they still deserve serious scientific attention," Mr Basterfield said.

UFO Research Australia is a private group which stresses it neither believes nor disbelieves the theory that aliens from space are responsible for the UFO phenomenon.

Mr Basterfield said that over the past 12 months several books had been published in America and England documenting accounts of people who claimed they had been abducted by extraterrestrials.

Few such stories have come from Australia even though UFO

sightings here are not uncommon.

Among the cases that have been recorded is that of a Melbourne woman who claimed in 1966 she was raped by a being wearing a loose fitting metallic green tunic who emerged from a silver spacecraft.

Also, the disappearance of 20-year-old pilot Frederick Valentich and his Cessna aircraft over Bass Strait in 1978 has been suggested as a case of alien abduction.

If you want to contact UFO Research Australia, you can write to them at PO Box 229, Prospect, SA 5082.

Sightings 1989.

The first reported sighting came from Macquarie Harbour on the state's West Coast, the date was January 14th some 20 minutes after midnight, the event lasted about 3 minutes. In all there were 5 witnesses travelling on two boats en route to Strahan on a clear calm summer night. Suddenly a very bright blue-white light appeared directly ahead in the eastern sky, the light was surrounded by a cloud or vapour, there was a glow in the sky and some light was thrown onto the boats.

The witnesses thought at first it was an aircraft light, but the light slowly lost elevation and looked as if it was going to come down on their boat. The light just went out and the cloud or vapour was no longer visible. No other craft were on the Harbour at the time, whilst local enquiries failed to uncover any other witnesses.

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Our next report came on January 25th and was from two witnesses out on a fine summers night in Launceston. High in the north west sky they saw a light like a falling star, in fact that is what they took it to be. However, the light suddenly came to a halt and hung in the sky for some 15 seconds. Then it moved off horizontally towards the south, en route it stopped at least two more times, each stop being about 10 seconds duration. Each time the light moved it seemed to have a tail behind it. The light disappeared into the southern sky. There was no air traffic in the area at the time of the sighting.

Two witnesses on Bruny Island watched a series of lights in the sky on March 5th at about 10pm, the incidents occurred over half an hour. Again it was a fine evening and our witnesses were outside their holiday caravan when they saw a bright light blink on in the western sky. Then this light moved off towards the south blinking as it departed. A second bluish light was now noticed also moving along the same path. Soon after a third light was seen coming from the south to the original position of the first light, this light went on and off with a regular rhythm before it disappeared. Another light came on a short period in the number one position before the sightings terminated.

At the time of writing a couple of cases are under investigation, one from March 22nd in the Midlands where two dogs acted in an unusual manner as their owners watch a round orange light pass through the trees some 150mts away. The second report is from June 11th when several witnesses saw a large bluish light with a sparkling tail drop from the sky to the north west of Kingston. It then, much to their surprise went back back up into the sky, did a ninety degree turn and headed off into the southern sky disappearing behind some clouds.

Our thanks go to member Christopher Pownall of Howrah for the next item heard on Notes on the News, March 2nd earlier this year.

"Above Top Secret"

A listener wrote to me the other day asking me what in my opinion was the most significant event of the post-war period. I replied that the most important events do not always make the headlines and that I believe the most momentous event of our era occurred in New Mexico in July 1947 and was never reported because the United States government immediately suppressed the news and silenced the witnesses.

My remarks were prompted by a piece of apparently innocuous academic news to the effect that computer analysis of the Majestic Twelve document by Professor Roger W Wescott had demonstrated it to be genuine. Professor Wescott, a former Rhodes scholar with forty books and over three hundred and fifty articles to his credit, is considered to be one of the world's leading authorities in linguistic and stylistic analysis. Through computer analysis of a given text he is able to demonstrate conclusively whether or not it was written by its purported author. Professor Wescott's achievement is to have shown that the author of the Majestic Twelve document was in fact Admiral Roscoe H. Hillenkoetter and that the document is therefore genuine.

This document was separately leaked in 1984 from an anonymous source in the U.S. Airforce Intelligence to two investigators. One in Britain the other in the United States. Dated 18th November 1952, it purports to be a briefing document prepared for President-elect Eisenhower by Admiral Hillenkoetter informing him of the existence of a top secret intelligence operation responsible only to the President of the United States known as Majestic Twelve. This group of high-ranking scientific military and intelligence personnel had been established to deal with the situation created by the crash of a flying disk-shaped aircraft in July 1947 in a remote region of New Mexico. To quote from the document: "A secret operation was begun to ensure recovery of the wreckage of the object for scientific study. During the course of this operation, aerial reconnaissance discovered that four small human-like beings had apparently ejected from the craft at some point before it exploded. (They had fallen to earth about two miles east of the wreckage site). All four were dead and badly decomposed due to action by predators and exposure to the elements during the approximately one week time period which had elapsed before their discovery. Civilian and Military witnesses in the area were debriefed and news reporters were given the effective cover story that the object had been a misguided weather balloon".

The document stated that analysis had decided that the disk was most likely a short range reconnaissance craft of extra-terrestrial origin and that

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the four creatures, though human-like in appearance, were the product of biological and evolutionary processes quite different from those observed or postulated in human beings. It added that undecipherable writing had been found in the wreckage and that efforts to determine the method of propulsion of the disk had been unsuccessful. It went on to disclose the startling information that on 6th December 1950 a second disk, probably of similar origin had impacted on earth at high speed on the Texas-Mexico border. It concluded by pointing out that the Majestic Twelve group were of the unanimous opinion that imposition of the strictest security precautions should continue in order to avoid public panic.

This document astonishing as it is, only served to confirm the results of an extensive independent investigation involving several researchers and over ninety witnesses.

It is surprising therefore that I consider this to be the most significant event not just of the post-war period but perhaps of the whole recorded history? We are forced to conclude that we are not alone in the universe, but are periodically being visited by alien life forms greatly superior to us in intelligence and with technology far in advance of our own. If this became widely known, it would certainly cause not only mass panic but a crisis of authority which could well bring about the collapse of our precarious social and economic structures. It could literally mean the end of our world, as we know it. Little wonder that the US government has decided to suppress this information for the last forty-two years. One day, however, the truth is bound to emerge. I wonder whether most of us are emotionally and intellectually prepared to face it.

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CREDIT for the next item goes to PARANET.

FYFFE, Ala. (AP) -- Some northeastern Alabamans profess to be bewildered by an unidentified flying object -- a fast, silent craft described variously as looking like an airplane or a banana with lights on it.

Police Chief Junior Garmany, who went with Assistant Police Chief Fred Works to check out reports to his office, said the object was still hovering when officers arrived Friday night.

"We got out of the car and we turned off the engine and the radio," he said. "When we started towards it, it began moving away."

People from Grove Oak to Licksillet were left Tuesday with speculation, but no explanation, as to what they had seen.

Garmany said the craft was "bigger than a jumbo jet," covered with green, white and red lights and "going about three or four hundred miles an hour." An Oak Grove woman described the object as shaped like a banana with the arch upright. "There was a red light on each end and a white light in a line between them. The top of the curve was outlined in green light," the woman, who asked not to be identified, told the Fort Payne Times-Journal.

According to the newspaper, the sheriff's office got another call from a Licksillet resident who said, "You better get a deputy over here quick. I don't know what it is, but it's scaring the hell out of my bird dogs."

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UFO RESEARCH (AUST) in their July Digest report that a number of cases are under investigation, for information about UFO Research write to PO Box 229, Prospect, SA. 5082. UFORA89014 Mar 1989 Flinders Ranges SA 2100hrs. A bright light was seen in the sky disappearing over a hillside. Some time later a man found a 7m diameter doughnut shaped ring in that direction behind the hill. (UFORA(SA)).

UFORA89006 26 May 1989 Sydney NSW 1115hrs. A 7 year old boy with his mother said he saw a "rocket" in the sky. He stated that a cigar shaped object, whitish grey in colour was seen moving slowly, then accelerating rapidly out of sight. (UFORA-NSW).

UFORA 89021 5 Jun 1989 Dorriggo NSW. 2 pilots tracked an object at 4,000km/h on an aircraft's weather radar. The jet cargo aircraft's crew noted a big return on the radar. Over 4 minutes it travelled from 60nm ahead to off their screen. (B.Chalker).

UFORA89022 16 Jun 1989 Yowah QLD 0311hrs. 2 brothers, who were opal mining, saw a large object 2/3rds the size of the moon. A total of 6 smaller objects then came into view around the larger object. (B.Chalker & UFORA(QLD)).

IF YOU KNOW OF A SIGHTING..write to TUFOIC, PO Box 99, Nth Hobart 7002, Ph002 236009.

MELBOURNE HERALD Friday Mar 31st

ALIENS "BUZZED" SPACE SHUTTLE.

American radio hams claim aliens buzzed the space shuttle Discovery as it flew high over Earth earlier this month.

London's Star newspaper today quoted experts saying the UFOs tracked the shuttle during its 5 day flight.

They locked into the space-crafts controls, causing a sudden loss of power. The Discovery 5 man crew, trained in UFO sightings reported the close encounter to NASA.

The conversation was picked up by radio hams in the USA. NASA chiefs at Houston have refused to release the recordings.

But one man in Baltimore Maryland claims to have taped the conversation. It was played to the Star which said Discovery pilot Col John Bhaha was heard saying "Houston this is Discovery we still have the alien spacecraft under observation".

NASA and Col Bhaha angrily deny there was any contact with a UFO.

EXAMINER 21.1.89 Strangers in paradise?

SUVA — Fiji's Civil Aviation Authority issued a UFO warning to aircraft yesterday after hundreds of people reportedly sighted a mysterious silver object floating over the north of the country.

The Fiji Times newspaper quoted witnesses as describing the UFO as small and made up of two circles — one larger than the other.

Although it appeared silver from a distance, it was transparent when viewed through binoculars.

UFOs puzzle

WELLINGTON: Two policemen were among six people who reported sighting a large bright white object hovering high over Wellington.

A police spokesman said four calls were received shortly after midnight about the object, which was seen for about 10 minutes.

Radar screens at Wellington airport were clear.

A spokesman said police were baffled by the sightings, but one possible explanation was light reflecting off ice particles in the atmosphere.

The sighting comes after Fiji's Civil Aviation Authority issued a UFO warning to aircraft on Thursday after hundreds of people reported a mysterious silver object north of Fiji.

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U.S.A. POLICE ENCOUNTER WITH ANOTHER FINDING OF POTASSIUM CHLORIDE

On the afternoon of December 4th, 1988, we received a call on the PA. UFO Hotline from a law enforcement officer in DAUPHIN COUNTY, USA, who had experienced a low level UFO encounter with physical effects. At first he questioned us as to how we handled these reports, our motive in obtaining the information and stressed that he did not want to have his name publicized. Shortly, we met with him.

The officer related that he was on his way to work when he saw a bright light through some trees. As he approached, he saw that the object was hovering over power lines about 150 feet away. Stopping his car he got out to get a better look. The light from the object was so bright that he had to shield his eyes with his hand. The object was about 75 feet in diameter and shaped like a flattened oval.

It seemed to be made of polished silver, but was so bright that it gave the impression of burning magnesium. The officer also observed feeling as though he was within some sort of mist, and noticed that the interior of his car was illuminated a blue colour.

The witness reported feeling warm even though it was quite cold outside. His eyes watered, his hair stood on end and he experienced a jolt like an electric shock.

The object emitted a moderate to high pitched humming sound, and the officer felt like his ears were vibrating. The object then moved from left to right before ascending towards the southwest at a high rate of speed, leaving behind a white trail in the sky.

After the object departed, the officer experienced a burning sensation in the facial area, aches in the neck muscles and spinal column and a headache. His eyes hurt badly and seemed out of focus. His hearing also seemed to be deafened. Feeling weak and disoriented, he was unsure about proceeding to work.

He put his trust in his fellow officers and told them the story. Another officer commented that at about the same time of the sighting, he had been dressing when he heard a strange humming sound that seemed to be over the roof of his house. He lives in the direction of where the object departed.

The officer also noticed an unusual powder-like dust on the surface of his car. The paint on the car appeared much duller than it had been. The PASU investigator took photos of the facial area of the witness and it gave us the impression of first degree sunburn. Naturally the witness is quite distressed over the encounter.

Using sampling tape we were able to obtain residue samples of the dust from the crevices around the car windows and other areas. While more tests are being conducted, it has been determined that the dust is POTASSIUM CHLORIDE. (CREDIT VUFORS..Melbourne)